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# External Shocks and Africa's Regional Organisations From Reaction to Prevention

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## Curricula Vitae

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### **Dr Helmuth Markov**

**Minister of Finance**

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Dr Markov has been appointed Minister of Finance of the Land Brandenburg in 2009. Prior to joining the Ministry, he was a Member of the European Parliament of the Confederal Group of the European United Left/Nordic Green Left, where he resumed chairmanship of the Committee on International Trade (INTA).

From 1990 to 1999 Dr Markov was a Member of the Regional Parliament of Brandenburg. Prior to his political career, he worked as executive director of several companies in the electro-technical sector. Dr Markov holds a PhD in Engineering and a vocational diploma as a book-seller.



### **Professor Siegmund Schmidt**

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Professor Schmidt is Head of the Department for Political Science and Vice-Dean of the Faculty for Humanities and Social Sciences at the University Koblenz-Landau. His main areas of research include: Development policies, European integration, European and German foreign policy as well as democracy, security and development in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Between 2003 and 2004 he held the Willy Brandt-Chair of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa. Since 2001 he is a Visiting Professor at the Karls-University Prague (Czech Republic), the Universities in Czestochowa and Wroclaw (Poland) and the Claremont Colleges in the U.S.

Professor Schmidt is a Member of the Advisory Board of the Development and Peace Foundation (SEF) and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the German Development Service (DED). He has published extensively on EU Democracy Assistance in Africa, EU Security Policy towards Sub-Saharan Africa, the African Union as well as Good Governance. In his latest publication he compares the AU and EU architectures with a focus on peace and security.

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Mr Mandekor is a Senior Economist at the AU Commission since 2006. Prior to this, he worked for over 20 years as an Economist at the Bank of Central African States (BEAC) respectively at the Chadian Branch, Central African Branch and Headquarters in Yaoundé, Cameroon. He is an expert for monetary and balance of payments statistics, economic, monetary and financial analysis and management.

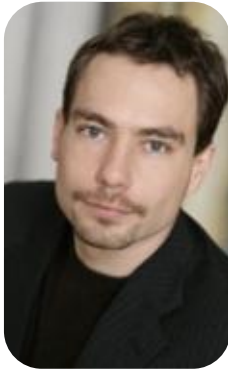
Mr Mandekor holds a Master's degree in Economics of Labour and Human resources as well as a DEA postgraduate diploma in Economics, both from Pantheon Sorbonne University, Paris-France. His thesis dealt with cooperatives and agricultural loans in Africa.

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Since 2005 Mr Albert is Director for the Bilateral German Development Cooperation with Africa in the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) - until March 2010 including development cooperation with the Middle East. He served for the Ministry for over thirty years, including assignments as Head of Development Section at the German Embassy in Nairobi from 1983 to 1987 and Head of the Ministry's Division for East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, EAC; Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, IGAD) from 1996 to 2005.

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Mrs Bento-Pais is the current Head of Unit at the Adaptation Unit of the Directorate General of Climate Action. Prior to joining the Directorate General for the Environment in 2007, Mrs Bento-Pais was a Member of the Cabinet of the European Commissioner for Agriculture, Mrs. Fischer Boel. Before that she served as a Counsellor and Assistant to the Deputy Permanent Representative at the Portuguese Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels.

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Professor Odingo is lecturer at the University of Nairobi since 1987. He was the Vice President of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change until 2008. Currently, he is the Co-Chairman of the Co-ordination Committee for National Climate Change Activities and the Kenya-Inter-Ministerial Committee.

His main areas of research include agricultural geography, climatology, environmental remote sensing, drought and desertification, land use, energy systems and economic development. He contributed to numerous climate change publications for the IPCC.

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Dr Sokona is the Executive Secretary of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) since 2004. Before joining OSS, he was the Co-ordinator of the Energy Programme and the Executive Secretary for International Relations of "Environnement et Développement du Tiers Monde" (ENDA-TM), an international non-profit organisation based in Dakar, Senegal.

He also lectured at the Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs in Bamako, Mali, for several years. Dr Sokona is a Co-Chair of the IPCC Working Group III for the Fifth Assessment Report. In addition, he is Special Advisor to the Club of Madrid Task Force on Global Leadership for Climate Change. He took part in many international negotiations and follow-up events to the Rio process and the three UN environmental conventions on Climate Change, Desertification, and Biodiversity.

Dr Sokona holds a PhD in Engineering from ENS des Mines Paris and University of Paris VI. He has published several books and articles on the issues of energy, environment and development with a focus on Africa.



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Mr Ansohn is the Director of the Development Policy Forum at Inwent – Capacity Building International in Berlin. Before joining the office in Berlin, he was the Head of the Division of International Management of Inwent in the German Training for Development Centre in Bad Honnef. Between 2001 and 2007, Mr Ansohn was the Head of Inwent's ASA-Programme, the largest scholarship programme for young future leaders in the sector of Development Cooperation in Germany.

Prior to joining Inwent, Mr Ansohn worked for several years as a consultant in business and development co-operation, involving small and medium enterprise promotion, vocational training and capacity building with business associations in Africa and Latin America. He began his professional career in development co-operation with a five-year vocational training programme in Brazil. Prior to that he ran a small carpentry enterprise in Berlin for 10 years.

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Professor Bamba is the current Commissioner of the Macroeconomic Policy Department for ECOWAS. Before joining ECOWAS he worked for the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, his native country. As Permanent Secretary in charge of multilateral surveillance and macroeconomic convergence for ECOWAS member states Professor Bamba served at the Ministry of Economy and Finance in Côte d'Ivoire.

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After working with the Government of Malawi, in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Development for twelve years as well as the Malawi Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry for three years, Mr Mtonakutha joined the SADC Secretariat in 2007. He is a Senior Programme Officer for Macroeconomic Policies and Convergence in the Trade, Industry, Finance and Investment Directorate of the Secretariat.

Most of his career life Mr Mtonakutha has spent in policy analysis and planning especially in the macroeconomic area, private and business sector development and lobbying and currently providing policy guidance in the area of macroeconomic policies and convergence at the SADC Secretariat.

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Dr Puetz joined the African Development Bank's Independent Evaluation Department (OPEV) in 2005 as Principal Evaluation Officer. Recently he concentrated on Africa's regional integration in the context of a major joint sector evaluation of agriculture and rural development in Africa by the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Before joining the AfDB, Dr Puetz served as a research fellow and team manager at the Washington DC based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Since 1985 he has been carrying out research and applied policy studies and related outreach work, mainly on agriculture in African development, food-security and food aid.

Dr Puetz also worked as a long-term food-security and M&E specialist for several international agencies, including the World Bank, the World Food Program and IFAD. He gathered extensive experience on the post-crisis relief-to-development continuum. Dr. Puetz obtained his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Bonn University, Germany.



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Mrs Pottinger-Scott joined the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group (ACP) Secretariat in Brussels in 2005. She is primarily responsible for negotiating and monitoring development financing for the ACP Group with the European Commission under the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement. She has represented the ACP Secretariat in important fora such as the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra, Ghana, and the follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus in Doha, Qatar.

Prior to this, Mrs Pottinger-Scott worked for over twenty years in Jamaica for the Jamaican Promotion Cooperation (JAMPRO). She held a number of management positions, including Deputy President. Moreover, she has extensive experience in export and investment development and promotion as well as expertise in strategic planning, project formulation and implementation, public policy formulation and advocacy.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and History and a Master's of Science Degree in Economics from the University of the West Indies, Jamaica. Also, she is in possession of an Executive Master's degree in Business Administration from the Mona School of Business, University of West Indies, Jamaica.



### **Wolfram Vetter**

**Director of Relations with ACP States at the  
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Mr Vetter joined the European Commission in 1997 where he first worked on relations with the New Independent States. From 2001 to 2005 he was political adviser in the Delegation to Ethiopia and the African Union in Addis Ababa. From 2005 to 2008 he served in the Africa Task Force of the High Representative Solana. Since 2009 he is Head of the Governance Section in the Directorate General for Development and Relations with the ACP States.



### **Dr Henning Melber**

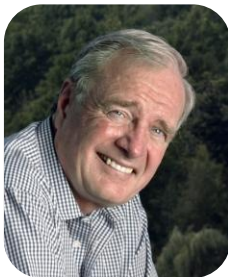
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### **The Right Honourable Paul Martin**

**Member of the Advisory Board of the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa (CoDa)**

**Former Prime Minister of Canada, Montreal**

The Right Honourable Paul Martin was the twenty-first Prime Minister of Canada from 2003 to 2006, Minister of Finance from 1993 to 2002 and the Member of Parliament for LaSalle-Émard in Montreal, Quebec from 1988 to 2008. Currently, he is the co-chair, with Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai, of a British-Norwegian poverty alleviation and sustainable development fund for the Congo Basin Rainforest. He is also member of the advisory council of the Coalition for Dialogue on Africa, sponsored by the African Union, the UN Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank.

Before entering politics, Mr. Martin had a distinguished career in the private sector as a business executive at Power Corporation of Canada in Montreal and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The CSL Group Inc.

**H.E. Ambassador Abdul-Kadir Bin Rimdap****Ambassador of the Republic of Nigeria, Berlin**

Ambassador Rimdap is a senior Nigerian diplomat with extensive experience in multilateral diplomacy. In past assignments he served as Minister of the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador of Nigeria to Austria and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations and other international organizations in Vienna and as Director of the First United Nations Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abuja, Nigeria.

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